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Studying abroad is the best in the world

By Lisa Kapka
Staff Writer

Each semester students from Clarke travel abroad to further their education and experience new cultures.

During the fall semester senior Colleen Keefe traveled to Granada, Spain and Sarah Schrodt visited Madrid. Each trip was filled with valuable lessons, great experiences, and cherished memories.

Keefe's experience flying to Granada was especially unique. If the peanuts were stale that day, she wouldn't have noticed. Keefe flew out of Chicago on September 12th.

"It was the chance of a lifetime, but I had to fly on September 12th," Keefe explained. "I was terrified, nervous, excited, and still confused, but was determined to go." As a plethora of emotions came over Keefe, Spain greeted her with both supportive/sympathetic people as well as those who felt the attention given September 11 was excessive.

Sophomore Sarah Schrodt also dealt with reaction from September 11. Although she left prior to the attack, many recognized her as an

American and were concerned. "There was initial shock and disbelief," Sarah said.

Both found the cultural differences unique and refreshing. One of the best parts was the siesta. "Every day lunch was around 2 p.m. and then after lunch, everyone would take a nap," explained Keefe. "School and stores even closed for this time."

Schrodt also enjoyed siestas as well as the "night-life" in Spain. "Most nights of the week people go out from 11 p.m.-8 a.m. to party and have fun," she said. Keefe added that not only does everyone go out, but they always dress up. "The guys usually have slicked back hair and wear lots of cologne." She also mentioned that one style that the women still sport today is pants with a skirt over them . . . brings back memories!

Both Clarke students agree that this experience changed their perspective on life and they would recommend it to anyone with an open mind. They agree that traveling abroad provides great opportunities and a chance to enrich your life through living a different culture.



Clarke senior Colleen Keefe, standing atop a castle in Segovia, was rewarded for daring to fly on Sept. 12 with a semester studying in Spain.

Black History Month Begins

By Tara Griffin
Staff Writer

From the struggles of slavery through the success of the Civil Rights Movement, African-Americans have fought for their place in this country. February, Black History Month, marks a special time set aside for the appreciation of the accomplishments made by African-Americans.

All around the world, people will be attending conferences, lectures, and banquets to discuss the cultural and political achievements that Blacks have made.

In earlier years, Blacks were dehumanized and treated as non-citizens. Through events like Muhammad Ali's fights for equality and Rosa Parks' famous bus ride, blacks have

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Math prof to teach in Samoa

By Tony Frenzel
Co-Editor

In what came as a surprise to most faculty, staff, and students at Clarke College, Assistant Professor Sean Bradley of the math department recently announced that he is going on a two-year leave of absence to live in American Samoa.

"It's a group of islands in the South Pacific and we're going there because my wife and I were

Peace Corps volunteers, and we want our kids to have an experience of how the rest of the world lives," explains Sean.

Sean and his family: wife Betsy, two-year-old Grace, seven-year-old Jane, and nine-year-old Meg will be leaving to serve as volunteers in the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago for the two years spanning 2002-2004. Sean and his wife look at

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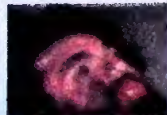


Clarke math professor Sean Bradley and his wife Betsy, two-year-old Grace, seven-year-old Jane, and nine-year-old Meg.

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Dan a la mode

By Danielle Jackson

Oh, those dates with Evil

Hi guys! Greetings from good ol' Belleville! What am I doing here and not there? Well, I had a classic case of body invaders that required purifying and pampering. Ok, so nothing invaded my being, but there was Evil that needed to be exorcised.

For a concept that is usually portrayed as being lethargic, dark, and independent, I was surprised when Evil wanted to go see the Mandy Moore movie, *A Walk to Remember*. He even voiced his desire to see Britney Spear's *Crossroads*. Evil is such a dork, and a perverted one at that.

So after that bout of sensitive honesty, I needed a way to ditch him quick. I tried torturing Evil by sitting him down to watch some of my favorite television programs, such as "The View," "Queer as Folk," and "Sponge Bob Square Pants," but he ended up liking those. So I made him watch shows that I know I

should not enjoy watching, like "Trading Spaces," anything on MTV or "BET," and reality shows, especially "Bug Juice." Of course he fell in love with them.

Evil really liked 'The Chair; it reminded him of home. (That show, its counterparts, and Evil's home are a whole separate article.

My absolute final resort was to take Evil on a lavish date. The place where we ended up was immaculate. It had valet parking, tennis courts, a helicopter pad, fountains, marble, lights, people, and ambiance.

Right before Evil was dismissed, I asked him if he was enjoying the hospital. And as soon as I said "hospital" he became a pile of dust that blew away. That was the highlight of my mini-vacation after big-vacation.

Note: Evil was not my boyfriend and we did not go on a date.

John Walker deserves it

Editor's Note - In a recent USA Today/CNN poll, 70 percent of 18 to 29-year-olds say John W. Linh should have been charged with treason. A Courier staff writer joins that majority.

John Walker Lindh, the American national who joined the Taliban regime, made it back to the U.S. last week. He had his first hearing in front of an Alexandria, Virginia, Federal court Thursday morning, where the judge denied the possibility of posting bail. Walker appeared in court with his beard shaved and his hair cut.

John Walker converted to Islam in 1998 and traveled to Pakistan after he graduated from high school. There he came in contact with the teachings and regulations of the Taliban, and decided to move to Afghanistan and immerse himself in the culture.

After being there for a few months, he was recruited by the Al-Qaeda terrorist network, and received mercenary training. There are some reports in the international media that he met Osama Bin Laden during the summer of 2001. He was captured after the infamous prison standoff at Mazar-e-Sharif, where he fought alongside terrorists, and was ready to die for their cause.

The fact that John W. Lindh joined an enemy of the U.S. is not a crime, but the fact that he fought against his own motherland can be seen as treason, especially in these times of intolerance and crisis. He has every right to deny his nationality and his religion, but that doesn't mean he has the right to shoot his fellow man. Therefore, it is this author's opinion

that he should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law; let me explain why.

The United States did not look for this war and neither did her people. The Taliban regime, once an ally of this country during the Soviet intervention, was in its premise a subjugator. Human rights were never granted to the citizenry. John Walker Lindh sought that ideology and was ready to give his life for it.

The U.S. gave Afghanistan almost four weeks to give up Bin Laden, and when that demand was not granted, the Afghan government signed their death sentence. But the fact remains that the Taliban regime was an enemy. One way or another they had to be ousted. It is one of the greatest tragedies in history that so many people had to suffer and die to achieve this goal.

Knowing all this, one can understand how a defender of the Taliban ideology should receive some kind of punishment. After much speculation about Walker's future, it was decided that as an American, he should be tried in a Federal court instead of a military one (the future that awaits the prisoners in Guantanamo, Cuba, and in Kandahar, Afghanistan).

Walker faces life in prison on counts of treason, terrorism and defection. This author believes he is getting the right penalty. If he were to face death, radical Muslims would look up to him. As he faces life inside a maximum security Federal prison, he will have the rest of his pitiful existence to realize you don't mess with the U.S., as he adapts to the lovely 6 by 10 cells.

--Jose Hernandez, Staff Writer

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Nuns freed from prison

By Julie Connors
Staff Writer

After serving their six-month sentence in the federal prison in Pekin, Ill., two Franciscan nuns returned home to Dubuque on January 14.

Sister Dorothy Marie Hennessey and Sister Gwen L. Hennessey were convicted of trespassing onto a United States Infantry Center in Fort Benning, Georgia, in order to protest a military school that trains Latin American soldiers.

"If I had to describe my experience in two words it would be, 'Pretty Rough,'" said Sister Gwen Hennessey, the younger of the two siblings. "We had absolutely no privacy."

There were around 3500 protesters that took part in a mock funeral procession to mourn those who were killed in Latin

American by soldiers, some of who train at Fort Benning. Out of all of the protesters, the sisters were among the 26 of them arrested for illegal re-entry onto a United States military reservation. The other protesters only received a warning, but because the Sisters had already received this warning in a previous protest, they both received a six-month sentence, the maximum possible for their crime.

According to Sister Gwen, in prison they were allowed to go outside and socialize with the other women, and the guards didn't carry any guns. She also said that Sister Dorothy Marie had some health problems during her six months in prison, but is now doing better.

Now that the Sisters are out, they are continuing the campaign for the closing of the school at Fort Benning.

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Table for ten please



Left: Scott Lammer at work on one of his creations.

Scott's Senior BFA Exhibit, *Any Given Tuesday*, will be in the Quigley Art Gallery Tuesday, January 29 through Sunday, February 10.

By Heather Meyer
Staff Writer

The Quigley Gallery isn't exactly everyone's first choice for dinner, but then again when you're a ceramic sculptor, fine dining isn't the first thing on your mind. Any given day until February 10 you can witness *Any Given Tuesday*. *Any Given Tuesday*, the current display in the Quigley Gallery, is senior Scott Lammer's BFA Exhibit.

The exhibit recreates the weekly Tuesday nights on which Scott and his ten best friends have dinner together. To reconstruct the expe-

rience Scott plaster cast the faces and mid chests of his friends and himself.

As for his friends' reactions to the process, Scott said, "Yup, they liked it. I was kinda surprised they didn't mind too much. I thought I would get a little more flack because they have to take off their shirts in front of me and let me put vaseline and plaster all over them and then not talk for 30 minutes: that's hard."

After the plaster molds of the faces were created, they were filled with clay. When the clay hardened, Scott carved out the features of his friends' faces. Scott used personality-specific glazes to color the sculptures, each with a coordinating place setting, created by Scott also. The exhibit actually builds a room in which the pieces are depicted having dinner.

Not having a far flung vision of what he wanted to be when he grew up, Scott had one goal,

"Growing up I was the kid that everyone kicked around and made fun of. I wanted to be better than them, they were bastards," said Scott.

Scott found his place driving the potter's wheel of life when he was in high school. He used to spend five of the seven class periods in the day in the art department throwing pots.

What does the future hold for the ceramic-slathered senior from Peosta? To become a college art professor after graduate school, to earn an MFA in studio ceramics. After that, what is he going to do?

"If I could finish teaching and retire and hang out and go camping with the same ten friends—this is such a cheesy thing—it's going to sound like I'm a baby-kisser, hand-shaker politician kind of guy. If I could, and I knew they were all to be around, and we were still friends and hung out, I wouldn't care," says Scott.

Sean Bradley

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The island itself is very small and tropical. There are some rainforests left, but most have been wiped out. The

island chain is volcanic, but the volcanoes are inactive. The population is approximately 60,000 people.

While living there, Sean will be teaching math at a Catholic high school, his wife will be working part time, and the children will go to a Catholic elementary school. In this way he hopes to continue his family's commitment to living simply, being of service to others, and growing spiritually.

Doing this sort of

service work is nothing new to Sean. "I was graduated from college and I had a lot of questions," he explains. "I didn't know where I wanted to go or what I wanted to do. So the Peace Corps was an opportunity to find out what I thought about teaching, and it seemed like it would be really exciting."

"I learned more about teaching. I learned more about myself. I learned about my country and my culture and about another cul-

ture. I would certainly encourage my children to do it."

As for the people at Clarke, Bradley says that everyone from students to staff has been totally supportive. "It's not really a surprise because that's the kind of community this is, very supportive. Everyone has been very positive, asking how they can help."

While away, his position will be filled by a temporary teacher, and when he returns he will continue on in the same job as before.

In the end, even though the prospect of moving to another part of the world is a scary one, Sean sees it as an opportunity.

"No matter how much you read about it, you can't know what it's really like," he says. "And I think Betsy and I are both concerned about our kids... they've got big adjustments to make. There are some worries, but I was worried when I moved to Dubuque, too," he laughs.

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gained their rights as human beings. Today, Blacks deserve the right to use the month of February to praise their heritage.

Clarke College is no exception to the celebration of Black History Month. February 4th, Bud Edwards, Ph.D. will be returning to Clarke to discuss the quest for equality still going on in our country. Edwards worked at the Clarke Counseling Center for six years and is now at Eastern Illinois University. Cammie Dean, Director of Multicultural Services, considers Edwards a role model for whites.

"I don't think black history month is just for black people," Dean said. "Edwards has a lot to teach about fighting racism. I really consider Bud to be a role model for whites."

A less formal discussion will be held on Valentine's Day at 6 pm in the Mary Ben Lounge. Many questions will be answered concerning the need for Black History Month and the role it plays in many African-American's lives.

No matter what color you are, everyone is encouraged to attend these events and help celebrate Black History Month. We all play a role in the quest for equal rights.

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Lady Crusaders Come Together

By Lisa Kapka
Staff Writer

As the buzzer sounded at the end of regulation play against Rockford College on January 22, the Lady Crusaders earned another victory to stick in their pocket. The night was no bowl of cherries, but rather an intensity-filled, no guts, no glory battle. The roar from the crowd engulfed the gym as the Crusader fans supported the team. Each player from

"Learning about each other has brought the team together."
-Kara Heckman

each team gave every ounce they had. Alisha Frese led the charge with 24 points and Jessica Kelley pulled down 14 rebounds. Clarke came out on top 67-

63 over Rockford. This win earned the Lady Crusaders the number one spot in the conference.

Overall they stand at 10-8. The first half of the season began with a record of 3-8, but after break they are currently on a 7-0 winning streak. Why the change? Over break the team spent time together. "We had 2 a day practices and would usually have dinner together and hangout," freshman Kara Heckman said. "Learning about each other has brought the team together." Heckman says that there great team leadership provided by the captains, (Rhonda Schmidt, Kealy Hootman, Jessica Kelley), as well as all members of the team. The team's positive approach, persistence, and hard work are evident in their play. "We have quotes of inspiration that motivate us before each practice

and game, but the key to our team is playing hard, being aggressive, and going all out" Jessica Kelley adds. The team feels that spending time

off the court together

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-Coach Tina Kuhle

is important and has added to the success of the team.

All of the team is very excited, motivated, and ready to continue in conference play. "We have built a solid foundation and will continue to build with confidence, hard work, and a positive attitude" Coach Tina Kuhle said.

Crusaders spiked up for '02 season

By Juan Nino
Sports Writer

The Clarke College men's volleyball team opened its season on Wednesday January 16 against Trinity International University with a 3-1 victory. The Crusaders lost quite a few players to graduation, giving the others an opportunity to step up and become a leader. Jose DeJesus, Clifton Henri, Chris Kozak, Bill McNally, Pete Lapin and Kevin Perhach all graduated leaving only two returning starters Joe Gustafon and outside hitter Cody Chamberlain. The Crusaders also have a new coach this year: Joe Fleckenstein, who has a tough task ahead in matching

last years' record-breaking season of 14 wins. The Crusaders finished fourth in the top 15 poll and placed third in the Molten Division III Men's Volleyball Invitational Championship.

The season ahead should be a bigger challenge for the team. They have a new nucleus of young players in the starting positions, and now it is only a question of whether they can improve on last year. "Individually the team had more talent last year, but as a whole this year's team has a lot of talent" said captain Rafael Ramos. The team is working hard to accomplish its goals. "If the team comes together, and plays together, we'll be able to match last years' record or

maybe improve it" said Ramos.

Some of the returning players include Chris Pabon, and Rafael Ramos of Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, Charlie Rush of Norwalk, Iowa, Tyler Albright, of Racine, Wis., Jason Betke, and Keith Gutierrez of Chicago, and Nik

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Butenhoff, of Madison, Wis.

The only new player to join the squad this year is freshman Jeff Simundic, of Darien, Illinois. He is a 6'5" middle blocker, a nice addi-

tion to this year's roster.

Currently the Crusaders are 1-3, winning their first game and losing their second at home against St. Ambrose 3-2 in a very entertaining game in which Clarke jumped off to a 1-0 lead and then to a 2-1 lead. With the game tied 2-2, both teams played a final set in which Clarke fell 15-6 and lost its first game this season. The Crusaders' next game is on February 1 against Trinity International University. As the season moves on the squad will show its fans and opponents what they are capable of doing. "We have fresh talent in the team, it is just a matter of time before we connect as a team and make a run" said junior Jason Betke.

"And then there were none..."

By Tim Sherlok
Sports Writer

While most Clarke students spent Christmas break relaxing and enjoying their time off, a handful of them were busy with daily workouts and diet programs in preparation for the second half of the intramurals basketball season. Of the original nine teams, only five remain. Four smart teams realized their chances at winning the coveted championship t-shirts were about as good as the Phillies, a newly formed freshman team, actually winning a game, so they dropped out. The season is in its final stretch run and only one team will be left standing in a month or two.

In action this past week, two games were played. The first game played featured the Repound against the Phillies. It was a well fought game, at least for the first two minutes, but as you probably would guess, the Repound came through with a blowout victory, 84-52. "I think we played a pretty solid game tonight, especially for not having a coach. It was a good tune-up and we appreciate the Phillies coming out," stated Repound center Scott Schoenhard. "I like the chemistry we have developed. I feel more and more confident each time out,"

added lifetime participant Gabe Johnson.

The second game of the evening consisted of two rookie teams, Hagan and All Balls, or should I say All Falls. The newly formed Team Hagan, consisting of several savvy intramurals veterans, continues to impress. Their 79-67 victory not only allowed them to maintain their spot at the top of the standings, but made a statement that they have the ability to win even when playing with only four players. All Balls continues to hang tough with decent teams but still hasn't been able to get completely over the hump. As freshman Brian Stith said, "we just can't get it done. We feel very intimidated by the rest of the league." My advice to All Balls would be to stick with soccer.

After eight weeks of action, the standings show Hagan at the top with a 9-2 record, followed by Repound (8-3), All Balls (4-7), Whipp (4-5), and finally the cellar dweller Phillies at 1-7. It looks to be a great finish in the fight for first so come on out on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and cheer on your favorite teams. Tune in to the next edition for a full report on the female basketball action.

A Bag of Skittles

How to find basketball in a bag of skittles

Red

This is the heart of the game, it fuels all desire and passion. While it contains blood, sweat, and tears, it holds true love for the game.

Orange

This is your mental state which holds all decisions within. It is your determination that drives you to succeed.

Yellow

This is happiness and positive attitude permanently stored inside.

Green

This is your hunger; the game isn't some McDonald's happy meal, rather it is a Thanksgiving Day feast ready to be devoured

Blue

(yes there are blue skittles) pain and pride are held here; always hold your head high, bruises will heal.

Purple

Here we have the persistence; the game isn't over until the final buzzer.

By Christi Thompson
Staff Writer

Clarke College is a learning environment that is always changing. With that in mind, the general education classes at Clarke are getting a makeover. A committee of professors from over eight different departments has been meeting since the fall semester of 1999 to lead the redesign of a general education program.

This includes a new emphasis on writing and an assessment plan to improve the liberal arts education Clarke provides its students.

The process began with the formation of 11 focus groups comprised of student board members, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and people outside the Clarke community. They met to discuss Clarke's liberal arts education core and to them and what they thought a Clarke graduate should be able to do and should value.

The groups discussed different aspects of Clarke's general education classes including what makes them unique and could be done to make the curriculum even better. A questionnaire was sent

Clarke students about shake

By Tyler Stoffel
Staff Writer

The past several months of economic recession hasn't squashed the attitude of Clarke students hoping to find a job. Many Clarke students are optimistic about finding a job after graduation. Senior graphic design major Seth Roy feels that getting a job won't be too hard, but he may have to settle for a lower level job at first.